

REMARKS

This amendment and response is filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 5, 14 and 24 have been amended by way of this response. Claims 1-4, 10-13, and 18-23 have been canceled, without prejudice, and new claims 25-40 have been added. Thus, claims 5-9, 14-17, and 24-40 are currently pending. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in a position of allowance, and requests favorable action to that effect.

Claim Objections

Claims 5, 14 and 24 were objected to because of the informality that the term “materials” should not have been plural.

Appropriate correct has been made.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-4, 10-13 and 18-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Goffman, U.S. Patent No. 5,594,897.

Claims 1-4, 10-13 and 18-23 have been canceled, without prejudice, and it respectfully submitted that the instant rejection is thereby rendered moot.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 5-9, 14-17, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Lawrence, U.S. Patent No. 6,289,342.

The independent claims under rejection here, claims 5, 14 and 24, have been amended to recite that the display of information regarding the source material and set of secondary materials is updated 'via change in graphical indicia on a virtual board such that one or more representations of information relating to at least one of the source material or the secondary materials are capable of arrangement as a function of the relational information.'

Applicants respectfully submit that Lawrence does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, the graphical limitations now set forth in these claims (e.g., a virtual board, graphical indicia thereon, etc.). As seen in the specification (columns 1-22; columns 5-22, in particular) and the figures (Figs. 1-10 are merely textual hit lists), Lawrence only operates to provide the source document and/or a list of documents (and limited textual information concerning the document) derived by means of predefined (e.g., keyword) search mechanisms.

Therefore, because Lawrence fails to teach the virtual board and related graphical limitations now set forth in independent claims 5, 14 and 24, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now in condition for allowance. Claims 6-9 and 15-17 are dependent upon claims 5 and 14, respectively, are thus also allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above.

New Claims

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 25-40 are also patentable over the art of record because Goffman and Lawrence, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest

the generation of extended documents with either graphical or database characteristics as set forth in the independent claims.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in allowable form, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the objections/rejections and the timely allowance of the claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Xerox's deposit account 24-0037.

Respectfully submitted,

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